

February 15, 2017

Ms. Sheri Young  
Secretary of the Board  
National Energy Board  
Suite 210, 517 Tenth Avenue SW  
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Dear Ms. Young:

**Re: File OF-Fac-Oil-E266-2014-01 02  
Energy East Pipeline Ltd. and TransCanada PipeLines Limited ("TransCanada") [collectively, the "Applicants"]  
Hearing for the Energy East Project and Asset Transfer ("Energy East"), and Eastern Mainline Project ("Eastern Mainline") [collectively, the "Applications"]  
Union Gas Limited ("Union") Comments on Process to Review Applications**

Union is in receipt of the National Energy Board's ("Board") Ruling No.1<sup>1</sup>, dated January 27, 2017, where, among other things, the Board requests comments by February 15, 2017 on the topic of whether the Applications should be heard together or separately.

Union supports reviewing the Energy East and Eastern Mainline Applications via a single hearing, to be heard by one panel with a single record. As noted in the Energy East Settlement Agreement between TransCanada, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Gaz Métro Limited Partnership and Union, TransCanada will not construct the Eastern Mainline Project if the Energy East Pipeline does not proceed for any reason<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, the Eastern Mainline Project is inextricably linked to the Energy East Project and its construction is directly conditional on the Energy East Project moving forward.

Union respectfully submits that reviewing the Applications in a single hearing is both a procedurally fair and efficient process in which to consider the numerous interrelations between the two Applications for the Applicants, all interested parties and the Board.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

[Original signed by]

Chris Ripley  
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<sup>1</sup> [A51418]

<sup>2</sup> Energy East and Eastern Mainline Project Settlement Agreement, Section 3.2 (f), [A4V1I9]